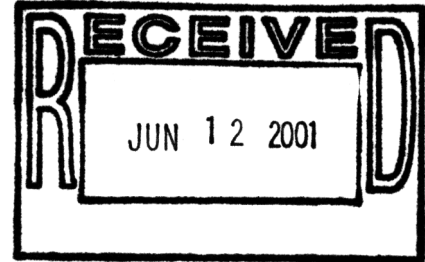




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Dear Ms. Rick:

This letter is provided in response to the request for comments for consideration in the review of the 1990 Amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act. The Board of Directors and membership of Plains Cotton Growers would like to express its strong support for the continuation of the amendments approved by grower referendum in 1990. We strongly believe in the goals of the program and in the fair manner through which all beneficiaries of program participate in its funding.

Since the time of last referendum cotton producers have been the beneficiaries of both increased promotional activities, as well as a renewed emphasis on research conducted through Cotton Incorporated directly and through the producer-directed State Support Program. We look forward to the continuation of this highly successful program.

Let me reiterate our ongoing support of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program and for the Amendments to that program adopted by growers in 1990. Based on the level of support we have heard voiced by our producer membership we see no need to conduct a continuation referendum at this time.

Sincerely,

Steve Verett
Executive Vice President



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